

U.S. - Middle East University Partnerships Program - 2006 Request for Applications

The U.S. Embassy in Tunis is pleased to announce the MEPI sponsored 2006 U.S.-Middle East University Partnerships Program Request for Applications (RFA) . This RFA is being handled through the Higher Education for Development (HED) office, a USAID partner organization (previously known as The Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development). The announcement is available at www.HEDprogram.org and on www.MEPI.state.gov. **Proposals will be due June 30.** We anticipate grants will be awarded late October/early November.

Please note that:

- 2006 award amounts are up to \$300,000 over a three-year period of time; up to 4 awards will be given.
- Business Administration and Economics, Government, Legal Studies, Teacher/Educator Professional Development, and Journalism and Media are the five fields of interest.
- Synergistic applications that build upon previous and/or existing MEPI funded U.S.-Middle East University Partnerships are encouraged, but not required.
- Interdisciplinary broad-based sustainable partnerships among Arab and U.S. universities, public and private entities, including ministries of education and higher education, and civic society partners that build effective local educational coalitions and alliances are sought.
- Countries of particular interest are identified, but applications will be accepted for any eligible country.
- Project results achieved through educational practices that cultivate critical, creative and independent thought and civic engagement and social responsibility are essential.
- A focus on greater opportunities for women and girls within the project is very important.

A look at the HED website www.HEDprogram.org and click on *Partnerships* will give you information about all of the US—Middle East Partnership Initiative awards that have been made since 2003.